

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SC STATUS TO RAIGAR CASTE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raigar Caste has been given the status of Scheduled Caste in Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such status not accorded to Raigar Caste in Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) 'Raigar' caste has been specified as a Scheduled Caste in Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. In Madhya Pradesh, 'Regar' caste has been specified as a Scheduled Caste.

(b) In accordance with Article 341(1) of the Constitution of India, specification of a caste as a Scheduled Caste is in relation to a particular State/Union Territory. Further, no proposal has been received from Government of Uttar Pradesh in regard to inclusion of 'Raigar' caste in the list of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh.